

REMARKS

The application has been amended by amending the cross reference to related applications to indicate the issued status of the parent patent and by amendment to the claims. Claims 1-6 have been amended. Claims 1-9 remain pending.

The examiner required the applicant to update the current status of the parent applications. The reference to the prior parent application has been amended to recite the issued status of that application with its patent number.

The examiner rejected claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite in that the phrase "said computer switching mechanism" in claims 1-3 lacks antecedent basis and the phrase "slideing" in claims 4-6 is inaccurate and indefinite.

The phrase "said computer switching mechanism" in claims 1 through 3 has been amended to properly read "said keyboard switching mechanism" which has antecedent basis. Claims 1 through 3 are therefore now believed to be allowable.

The spelling of the term "slideing" in claims 4 through 6 has been corrected to "sliding". The term sliding is part of a means plus function clause describing the connection between the upper housing and the lower housing

shell; the clause consists of the identical language contained in claim 13 of the parent 6,681,926 patent, and is therefore believed to be accurate and definite and allowable.

Claim 7 through 9 are dependent claims and believed to be allowable in light of the amendments to claims 1 through 6.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-9 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,681,926. The Examiner asserts that the claims of the present application are not patentably distinct in that the structural limitations in the claims of the present application are fully disclosed and claimed by Patent 6,681,926.

It is asserted by the applicant that the locking means claimed in claims 2, 5 and 9 of the present application and described in the specification on page 5 lines 8-22, page 7 lines 9-13, page 9 lines 16-20, and figures 4-8 and the descriptions thereof is not disclosed or claimed in U.S. Patent No. 6,681,926. No such equivalent locking means is disclosed in Patent No. 6,681,926 to prevent access to the storage compartment. It is noted that a non-equivalent

term "locking" appears in the 6,681,926 patent, but that term refers to a non-security type of latching means.

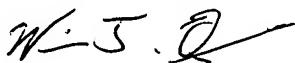
Further it is asserted that the electronics access compartment claimed in claims 3, 6, 7 and 8 of the present application and described in the specification on page 5 line 23 through page 6 line 3, page 7 lines 14-18, page 21-25, and figures 1-3 and the descriptions thereof is not disclosed or claimed in U.S. Patent No. 6,681,926. No such equivalent electronics access compartment is disclosed in Patent No. 6,681,926.

Despite the foregoing, as the present application and U.S. Patent No. 6,681,926 are commonly owned, a terminal disclaimer pursuant to 37 CFR 1.321 is being filed simultaneously herewith and incorporated herein by reference.

In view of the above, it is believed that the application as amended is allowable, and examination and allowance of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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